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Criminal Tradecraft Alert

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(U) Junkyard Drive Shafts used as a Narcotics Concealment Method

(U) The FBI San Francisco Division is releasing this report to raise law enforcement awareness regarding a method used to traffic narcotics from Sinaloa, Mexico to the San Francisco Bay Area. FBI San Francisco recently received information that individuals were acquiring replacement drive shafts from San Francisco Bay Area junk yards to trade for drive shafts being used to traffic narcotics.

(U) Mexican suppliers transport narcotics from Mexico to the San Francisco Bay Area, concealing them within drive shafts. The suppliers meet Bay Area suppliers at an unknown location where the narcotics are removed from the drive shaft and then transported to the Bay Area. The vehicle is then installed with the replacement junkyard driveshaft to make the return trip.

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(U) Drive Shaft Example

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